

Rep. Matt Huuki

From: Pete <hdrider2@chartermi.net>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 9:42 AM
To: Rep. Matt Huuki
Subject: Tax Bills on Mining 6007 6012

I have read the bills that you have introduced regarding a more fair taxation process for mines in Michigan. I confess that I don't understand all of the legal language but I do believe that these bills will be quite helpful in keeping the current mines open in Michigan and I am hoping that this will also be an incentive to open up some of the new mines that most of us in the Upper Peninsula are hoping for. A tax on the product seems a lot better than having to pay taxes on everything else when times in the industry are tough, as they are for all of us here.

I hope that this can start some new jobs in the U.P. because we really need them. I also would like to see the useless red tape disappear so we could open these mines up.

Thank You for your hard work while in our service.

An Unemployed Yooper

Pete LeMoine

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Government is too big and too important to be left to the politicians---Chester Bowles



Dear Mr. Hukki, and members of the State House of Representatives.

Today I am as a general manger writing to request that all the members of the State house of representatives fully support and back The House Bills 6007-6012. I feel that these bills will encourage mining in our area which would provide much needed jobs. I live and work in what use to be the cooper mining giant at one time there were more jobs than workers. Now we have to many people out of work losing their homes and having to leave this great state. Help Upper Michigan once again become a giant in the mining world where we can afford to support our families.

Dianne Peterson

General Manger

Americinn Lodge and Suites of Calumet

Todd and Kim Keteri
40440 N Entry Rd
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November 19, 2012

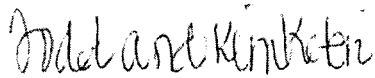
Michigan House of Representatives
110th District
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: House Bills 6007-6012

Dear House of Representatives,

Please support Matt Huuki's bill, HB6007-6012. As the majority of our income comes from employment at company who benefits from local mining, we see the importance in strengthening our local companies. Our future economic growth depends on a business friendly atmosphere- both for existing businesses and for new businesses starting up. We support Matt Huuki's proposal to strengthen our economy and protect our jobs!

Sincerely,



Todd and Kim Keteri



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RE: House Bills 6007-6012

Dear House of Representatives,

We at Moyle Real Estate and Development ask that you support Representative Matt Huuki's bill, HB6007-6012. We first-hand see the importance of the jobs created by the Upper Peninsula mining companies and the need for the existing companies, as well as new ones, to become financially stronger and in turn directly benefit the employees, communities and overall economic development of the Upper Peninsula.

Please support HB6007-6012 and invest in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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November 19, 2012

The Honorable State Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, MI
Via FAX 517-373-9303

RE: Taxes on Mining Companies

Dear Representative Huuki:

I want you to know you have our Township Board support concerning the mining bill -
(severance taxation-IJB 6008) which you are currently introducing.

We understand this Bill would;

Tax the mining company as the non-ferrous minerals are extracted, which is not
as current law provides.

60% of tax revenues would go to local and county governments and 40% would
be set aside for a community development fund.

We do not support a bill that would transfer these tax revenues to the State of Michigan
for use outside the region where the revenues were generated. As you are aware, P.I.T.,
the Commercial Forest Act and possible reduction of Personal Property Taxes have
combined to drastically reduce our operating and infrastructure improvement capabilities.

Thank you for your enormous effort to help this region grow and prosper.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Randall

Bessemer Township Supervisor



November 16, 2012

Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, MI

Dear Representative Huuki:

I am writing to show my support for House Bill 6008 on mining in Michigan. This bill is a fair way to encourage developers to invest up-front in the risky business of determining whether there is sufficient justification in rewards to offset the risks. Investors want to know what the actual tax burden will be for the mine. Our current law makes it next to impossible for anyone to place a value on what the mining potential will be. Having a tax on the actual extraction will provide a fair and accurate way of taxation. It will also encourage more development as the up-front money will be spent on development instead of supposed tax potential. As written the major portion of the tax revenue would go to local and county governments.

With the constant higher than average employment statistics in the Upper Peninsula, we are in need of the bill to jump-start the mining process. It will provide a much needed economic boost to our lagging economy. Our natural resources can provide the path to employment for our youth who are currently forced to leave the area for good jobs.

Please continue to push this bill for passage.

Sincerely,


Dan Lorenzetti

President



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November 20, 2012

Michigan House of Representatives
Matt Huuki

As a business owner in Hancock, Michigan, I support mining in Upper Michigan.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ramon C Simonson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramon C. Simonson
President



Welcome to the end of the day~

I am writing this letter asking you to vote yes on the proposed bill package so that the mining investment in Michigan can become simpler and more encouraging. All we have up here are natural resources and simplicity in this system is we need to create employment and would provide a major boost in terms of economic activity that all of our companies rely on which means all of us rely on it to earn a good living in the best place on earth.

Thank you
Racanne Mung, A.M.

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Michigan House of Representatives
Matt Huuki, State Representative
110th District
State Capitol
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative Huuki,

We currently have over 20 people employed in the construction of the Kennecott Rio Tinto Mine in Marquette County. Going forward, we see much opportunity for these types of jobs at other sites under development in the UP. It is absolutely critical that the tax structure for mining is simplified to insure that these jobs continue to be available to our residents.

Moyle Construction supports the proposed mining severance tax bills, HB6007-6012. These would give mining companies a much better degree of flexibility to survive mineral price fluctuations and also allow startup mining operations to better plan for uncertainties in the marketplace. The present and future mining of our mineral deposits are essential to the economic future of our region.

Sincerely,

Tom Helminen, President

Joy Brewer

From: Denise B. Moyle <dbmoyle@moyleusa.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 11:26 PM
To: Joy Brewer
Subject: Support of Representative Matt Huuki's House Bills 6007-6012

Dear House of Representatives,

I am asking for you to support Rep. Huuki's bill to create and strengthen mining jobs in Michigan. . Please vote YES on the proposed bill package so that the mining investment in Michigan can become simpler and more encouraging to the businesses in Michigan currently and any new prospective ones coming in. All we have is the natural resources and simplicity in this system is what we need to create employment and this would provide a MAJOR boost in terms of economic activity in Michigan. We need this to keep our businesses in Michigan and continue to live and prosper in the most beautiful part of the world. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan!!

Sincerely,

Denise Moyle
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Lake Linden, MI 49945
906-296-9567

Joy Brewer

From: Lewis Kellogg <kellyfromtheusa@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 8:19 PM
To: Joy Brewer
Subject: House Bills 6007-6012

Representative Huuki,

I wish to thank you for introducing House Bills 6007-6012. While these bills will not directly affect myself, the jobs that will be created by this legislation will be greatly beneficial for my neighbors and fellow citizens of the Upper Peninsula.

The economy of this area has been depressed beyond that of the State of Michigan's for many years. This may very well be the catalyst to bring back what has historically been the lively-hood of Northern Michigan.

I can not think of a more fair and equable method of taxation towards the prospective employers who are so desperately needed here.

Lewis G. Kellogg, USN Ret.
P.O. Box 343
White Pine, MI 49971-0343

November 20, 2012

Dear Rep. Huuki, and members of the State House of Representatives,

Thank you for your tireless work in trying to improve the employment environment in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The bill you've introduced is not only landmark in its nature, but quite essential to the survival of Michigan families in this region of the state. This region is so often forgotten by its Lower Peninsula counterparts, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Huuki for putting us back on the map, so to speak.

Our economic progress here has been dismal in many places for a long, long time. However, the silver lining around that cloud of dismay is the sprouting efforts to begin mining here once again. There has been, and still exists, a reluctance on the part of mining companies to embark on more mining due to the myriad of tax regulations and formulations, and the unpredictability thereof. The formulas and estimation methods alone are enough to baffle even the best of tax accountants.

The elimination of the many taxes and estimations, and their replacement by a simple, concise, single tax is a much needed change that will most certainly attract those wishing to begin mining here once again. Even more importantly, it will indeed put Michigan workers back to work. The resulting employment opportunities here would revive our once-thriving economy, and take many people out of the unemployment line and put them back into the working and above-poverty lines.

I'd encourage all members of the state legislature not just to back this legislation...but to fully support it, and follow suit-working to simplify -even reduce taxes paid by businesses across this state. Those dollars are the very dollars Michigan businesses could use to hire and pay workers. Follow Mr. Huuki's lead, and support his legislation!

Thank you,



Allan & Andrea Aho
Manna Farms
22520 Bilto Road
Chassell, MI 49916

Rep. Matt Huuki

From: Bill Bingham <binghamcamp@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 5:46 AM
To: Rep. Matt Huuki
Subject: Landmark Tax Reform

Rep. Matt Huuki

I fully support the tax reform bill, House Bills 6007-6012, this bill would be great for economic growth for the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan. I urge all lawmakers to support this bill.

Thank you in advance for looking forward for economic growth for the State of michigan.

Bill Bingham
47083 Green Acres Rd.
Houghton, Mi. 49931

Scott Erickson

From: Scott Erickson
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 5:35 PM
To: 'MattHuuki@house.mi.gov'
Subject: House Bill 6008

Matt,

I understand that HB 6008 was introduced today and I would like to provide this record in support of HB 6008.

Sincerely,

Scott Erickson, City Manager
City of Ironwood, MI



November 20, 2012

State Representative Matt Huuki
Michigan House of Representatives
State Capitol
PO Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Huuki:

I am writing to urge you and your fellow constituents to vote yes on the proposed bill and fair severance tax package so that mining investment in Michigan can become simpler and more encouraging. Our business relies on what have up here for available jobs, industry in natural resources and just a few others. Simplicity in this system is we need to create employment and would provide a major boost in terms of economic activity that so many companies rely on which means all of us rely on it to support our families.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

VIRESSOL, LLC

Marissa C. Wichman
Manager

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November 19, 2012

The Honorable State Representative Matt Hukki

Lansing, MI

Via FAX-517-373-9303

RE: Tax on Mining Companies

Dear Representative Huuki:

I want you to know that you have the unanimous support of our township board for the mining bill that you are introducing.

I have talked to you recently and several months prior about this bill and this is my understanding of what the bill will do.

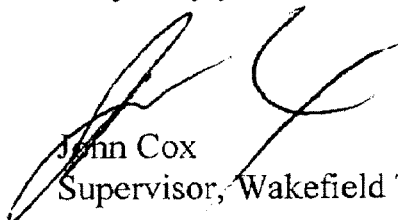
- Tax the mining companies on copper and any other non-ferrous ores they produce, not as the current law provides.
- The tax revenue would go to the local and county governments.

We would not support a bill that sends the tax revenue to the State of Michigan. As we have discussed before, our township gets a meager \$9,000 in PILT funds (if they were privately owned, we would get \$100,000 per year). Additionally we lose a great deal of tax revenue from the commercial forest act. I believe we are subsidizing the enough already.

The other issue the township faces is the unknown costs to the township for additional services that we may need to provide, when the mine is up and running, i.e. fire protection, police, traffic controls and improvements, etc.

Finally, Matt, I would like to thank you for your tireless efforts in pursuing legislation that will affect this area positively and ultimately create a better economy and more jobs. This end of the U.P. has been stagnant for decades, and now we have something positive to look forward to.

Very truly yours,



John Cox
Supervisor, Wakefield Township

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November 19, 2012

The Honorable State Representative Matt Hukki
Lansing, MI
Via Fax - (517) 373-9303

Dear Representative Hukki:

I want you to know that you have the unanimous support of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners for the mining bill that you are introducing.

It is my understanding that bill will tax the mining companies on copper and any other non-ferrous ores they produce, not as the current law provides. Also, the tax revenue would go to the local and county governments.

We would not support a bill that sends the tax revenue to the State of Michigan.

I would like to thank you for your efforts in pursuing legislation that will affect this area positively and ultimately create a better economy and more jobs. We need jobs in our area and now there is some positive in our future.

Respectfully,

Dan Siirila, Chairman
Gogebic County Board of Commissioners

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State Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, MI

Fax: (517) 373-9303
RE: Tax on Mining Companies

Dear Representative Huuki,

As a Wakefield Township Planning Commission Member and Wakefield Township business owner, I wanted to put my support behind the mining bill that is being introduced and ask that you would do the same.

Being a life long resident of Wakefield / Wakefield Township I fully understand what this legislation and hopefully the resulting mine could do for this diminishing community.

Once again I ask that you support this legislation and continue to support mining in the West Upper Peninsula.

Thank you,

Paula Koruga

Rep. Matt Huuki

From: Mike Foley <mfoley@coleman-engineering.com>
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 11:28 AM
To: Rep. Matt Huuki
Subject: House Bill 6008

Representative Huuki,

I like to convey my support for HB 6008 regarding the Mining Tax Bill. It is truly the only fair way to tax a mine and allow developers and investors to understand the actual tax burden. The additional benefit of taxation upon extraction may very well allow some projects to move forward instead of having to post these large tax burdens up front before cash flow is incurred. All future projects and the communities they lie in will benefit. Thanks.

Mike



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State Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, Michigan
VIA Fax- 1(517)373-9303
Re: Tax on Mining Companies

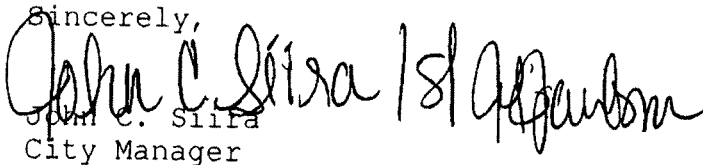
Dear Representative Huuki,

On behalf of the City of Wakefield Councilmembers and residents,
we fully support House Bill 6008.

With the numerous cuts that local Governments are facing,
imposing mine taxes and keeping the tax dollars local would help
tremendously with the maintenance of the roads that are being
used to transport the minerals.

Thank you for your efforts in pursuing legislation that will
greatly benefit the City of Wakefield, Wakefield Township and the
entire Gogebic Range.

Sincerely,


John C. Siira
City Manager

JCS/jj

Cc: City Council

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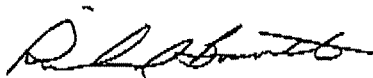
JAYNE MILLER, Trustee

November 19, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Marenisco Township has constantly supported the Orvana Mine project in the Western Upper Peninsula and is now in support of House Bill 6008, the Transportation Deduction bill.

Yours truly:



Richard Bouvette, Supervisor

Charter Township of Ironwood

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The Honorable State Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, MI
Via Fax- 517-373-9303

RE: Tax on Mining Companies

November 19, 2012

Dear Representative Huuki:

Please take notice the Charter Township of Ironwood unanimously supports the mining bill you are introducing.

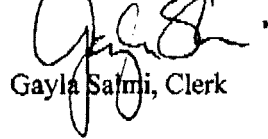
The understanding of the Township Board is the bill will:

- 1) Tax the mining companies on copper and any other non-ferrous ores they produce, not as the current law provides.
- 2) The tax revenue would be allocated to local and county entities.

The Township Board does not support a bill which sends the tax revenue to the State of Michigan.

Thank you, Mr. Huuki, for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Gayla Salmi, Clerk

Gogebic County Chapter of Michigan Township Association
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Bessemer Township
Erwin Township
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Marenisco Township
Wakefield Township
Watersmeet Township

The Honorable State Representative Matt Huuki
Lansing, MI
Via Fax- 517-373-9303

November 19, 2012

RE: Tax on Mining Companies

Dear Representative Huuki:

Please take notice the Gogebic County Chapter of Michigan Township Association unanimously supports the mining bill you are introducing.

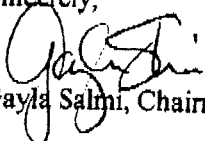
The understanding of the Members is the bill will:

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The Gogebic County Chapter of Michigan Township Association does not support a bill that sends the tax revenue to the State of Michigan.

Thank you, Mr. Huuki, for your efforts.

Sincerely,


Gayla Salmi, Chairman

Cc:

Bessemer Township
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